

“OLD JIM” A MAN WHO KNEW NATURE

Figured That Bears Were Not Having Fun, So He Rigged Up a Device to Enable Them to Roll Hoops.

BY W. H. ALBURN, Staff Correspondence. YELLOWSTONE PARK, Oct. 6.—Old Jim Pelton must have been a great naturalist. “Curly,” the stage driver, told me about him as we climbed the continental divide between the Upper Geyser basin and the lake. “Jim had him a little cabin in these parts,” said Curly, “some years back. He was a scine-tist, Jim was. You tourists come from all over creation to see the nature an’ geology an’ animals an’ such in this here park, but Jim understood ‘em. Git-up-boys!” And he crackd his whip at the horses. “Teaches Bears to Roll Hoops.” “Jim loved as how the bears wasn’t havin’ enough fun. So he takes a hoop an’ goes out where a passel o’ bears was dozin’ in the trees, an’ hollers an’ rolls the hoop around to show ‘em how much fun it is. “Next evenin’ Jim wanders to that bear dump back of Old Faithful inn, an’ there’s ‘most a dozen bears, old an’ young, with hoops offen the empty barrels, rollin’ ‘em around like mad, whoopin’ an’ grutin’ with joy an’ the cubs tryin’ to roll ‘em up the trees. “The bears got so they’d stop provision wagons an’ pull out the barrels an’ yank off the hoops an’ roll ‘em down the road. Finally they tackled some kerosene barrels an’ that cured ‘em. Git-up-boys!”

Jim’s Pelican Aeroplane. “Jim was the first man to see the possibilities in pelicans. It was just after the Wright brothers started flin’. Jim set on the shore o’ the lake, estimatin’ the carryin’ power of pelicans. Then he started in to ketch and train some. “The way to ketch pelicans is with flyin’ fish. Jim had trained some Yellowstone trout to fly, fittin’ cello-lloid wings to ‘em. He caught two pelicans an’ trained ‘em till they’d gee, whoa an’ haw like hawkes, an’ they towed him all over the lake in a canoe.

“Jim reckoned ten o’ them would carry his weight. So he trained a ten-pelican team, an’ they raised him right offen the water, him sittin’ on a sort o’ boat-sled he’d built. “It was grand. But a flock of eagles from the canyon swooped down an’ started a fight, an’ Jim dropped 50 feet to the water, an’ was like to drown. So he gave up pelicans. Git-up-boys!”

The Happy Boiled Frog. “Then, there was Jim’s boiled frog. He’d read in scientific books how frogs wouldn’t never notice gradual changes in temperature. “You know them boilin’ springs that empty into the lake at Thumb Station. Well, Jim took a big green frog an’ tied him off shore, where the cold water was tempered by the hot water runnin’ in. He proceeded slow and cautious. Every day he moved that frog one inch nearer shore, where the water was hotter. An’ at last he had him in water at the boilin’ point, an’ Mr. Frog still kickin’. He’d got acclimated to boilin’ water, you see. “Then Jim dumped him into that boilin’ spring off shore, with the rim o’ limestone around it, an’ the boiled frog was as happy as a baby in a bathtub. But one day he jumped over into the cold water, an’ died o’ pneumonia. Git-up-boys!”

Beavers Build Concrete Dams. “There’s the beavers, now. Beavers are folks, like men. Injins always knowed that. “Jim reckoned as how animals that had enough sense to cut down trees an’ build dams out of ‘em would a whole lot rather build concrete dams. So he went back along Duck creek an’ built a little dam just to show the beavers how, workin’ by moonlight an’ the beavers watchin’ him. Then he busted his dam and went away, leavin’ some sacks o’ cement on the bank. “Next night Jim comes back, an’ looks, makin’ no noise, an’ there’s that whole bunch o’ beavers gnawin’ open the sacks, mixin’ the cement with gravel, an’ building a fine reinforced concrete dam, with a neat spill-way, usin’ jack pin for the frame-work. That dam’s still there. You can go an’ see. Git-up-boys!”

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ENGLISH ARE OUTPLAYED

CHICAGO, Oct. 6.—Charles Evans, Jr., formerly western open and amateur champion and medalist in the last two National Amateur Golf tournaments, Sunday outplayed Edward Ray and Harry Vardon, formerly English open champions, by two and three strokes respectively in a 36 hole four ball match at the Ravinia Country club, but owing to the fact that Warren K. Wood, western amateur champion was off his game, the Briton’s won the contest 3 up.

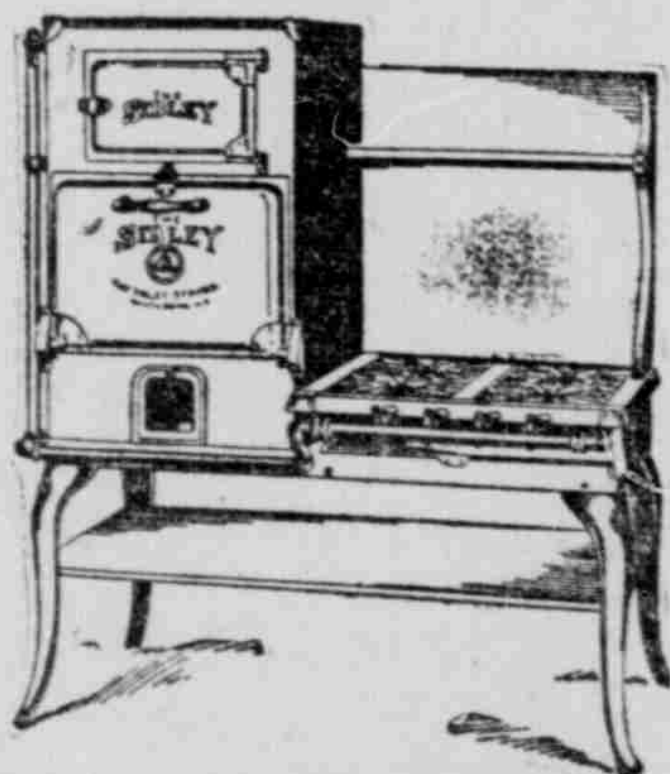
FAILS TO LOOP THE LOOP WITH SAND BAG

PARIS, Oct. 6.—The French aviator, Pegoud, essayed Sunday to loop the loop in a two-seated aeroplane, with a sand bag, weighing about 150 pounds to represent a passenger, but failed in the attempt. He rose about 3,000 feet and dropped lower and faster than on his previous remarkable flights before he turned over. The spectators became greatly alarmed when they saw the tips of the wings vibrate like those of a bird after it has been struck. They feared he had lost control, but he managed to right the machine with great difficulty and landed safely. Pegoud, in explaining his experience afterwards, said that the machine for the moment was quite uncontrollable whether owing to the extra weight or because it was badly balanced, he did not know. He declared that he would try again Monday and would find out.

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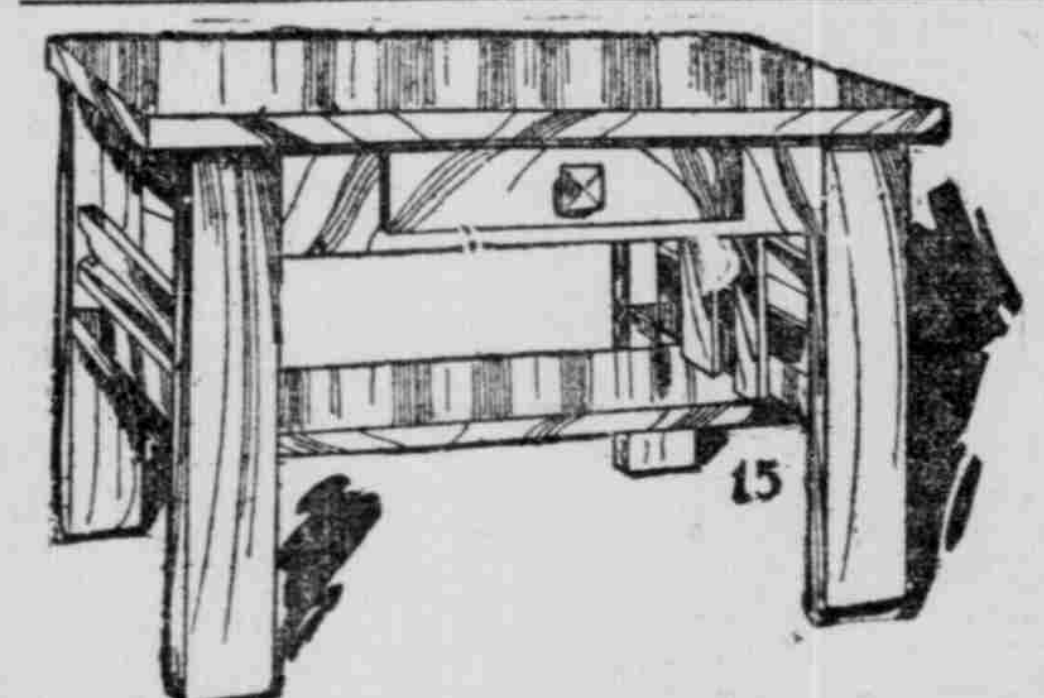


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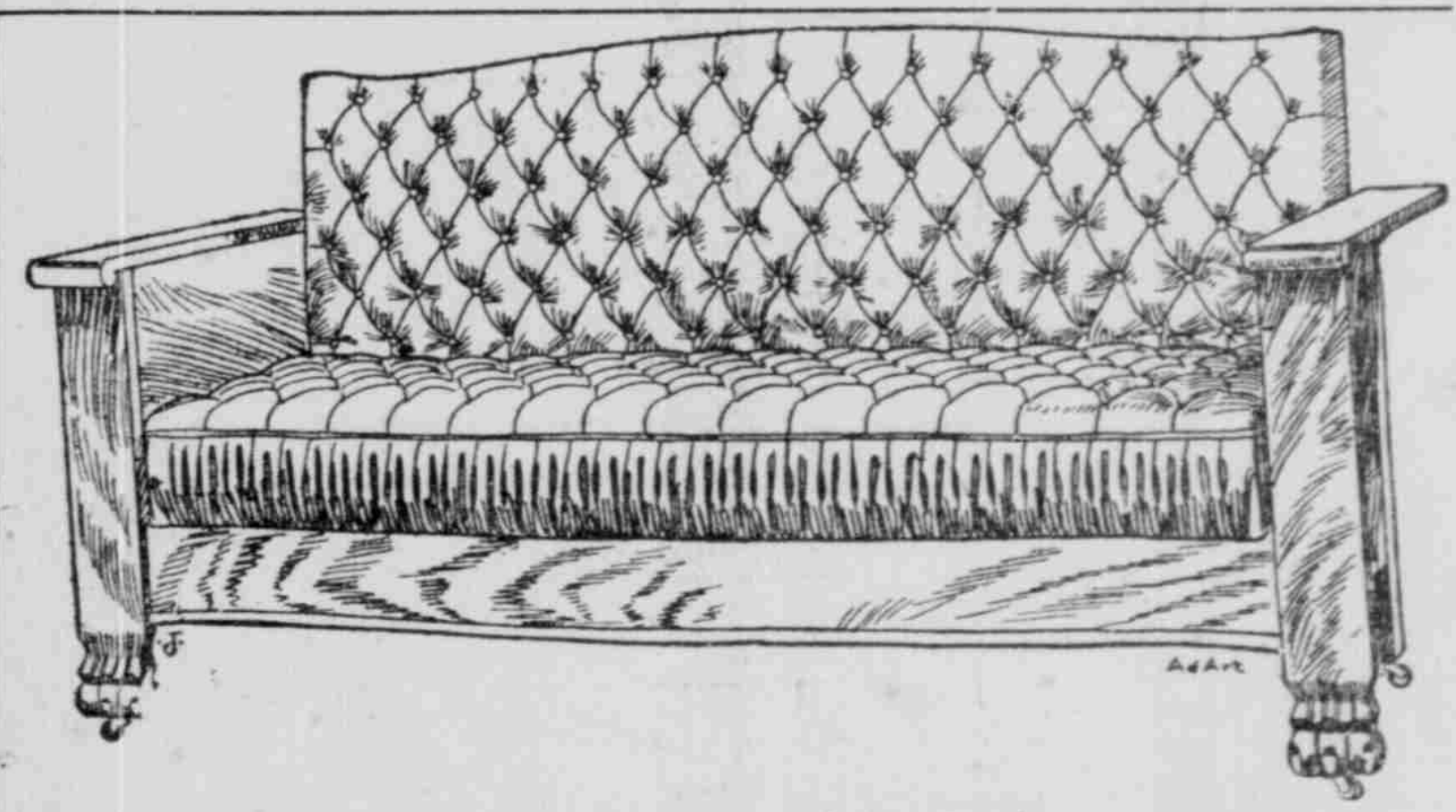
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